

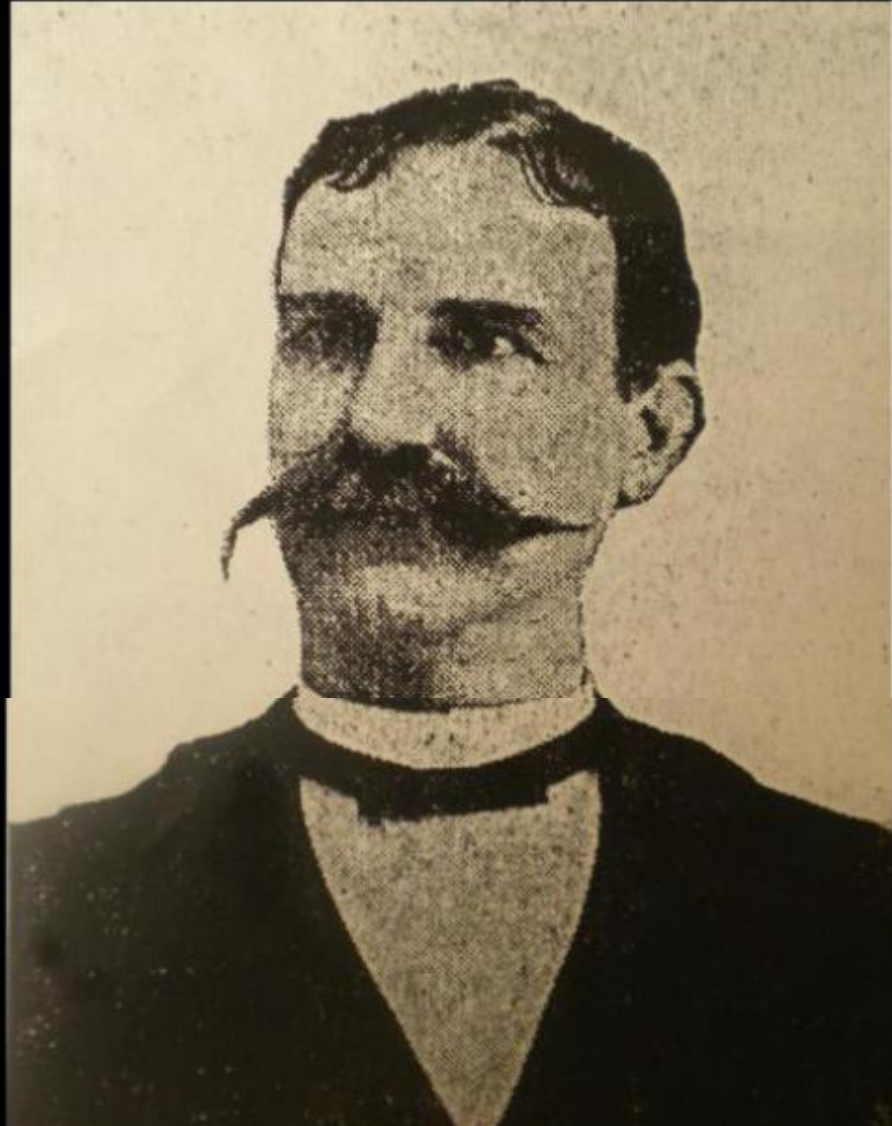


Col. E. W. Taylor Camp No. 1777
Sons of Confederate Veterans
NEWSLETTER
February.....2023

Join us on Thursday evening, Feb. 25, when our program will be on the life of Col. E. W. Taylor, from his birth in Alabama in 1839 until his move to Ft. Worth in 1888.

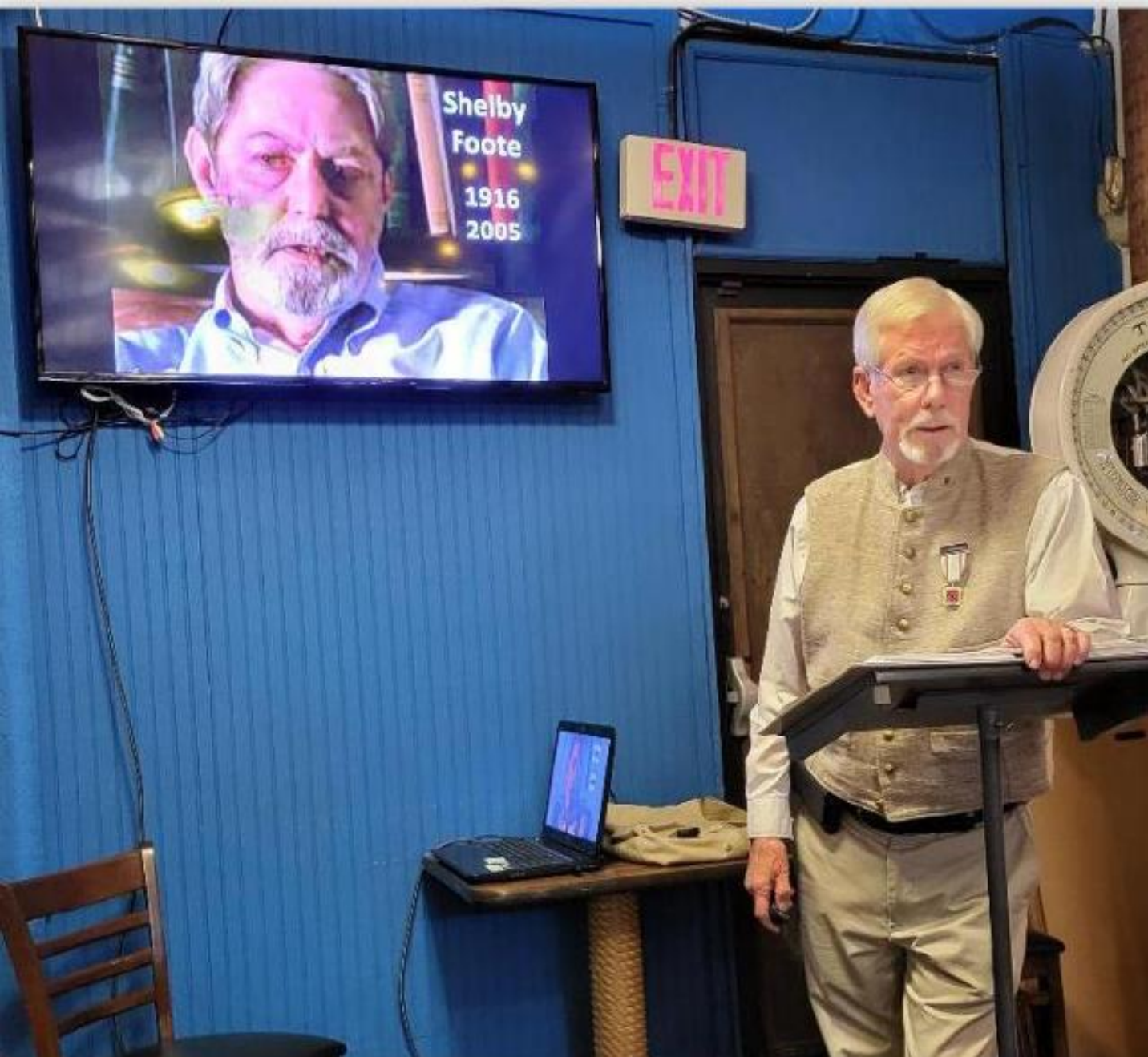
We have lots of new information and photos which we are going to share.

We will present a program on the second part of Col. Taylor's life later this year, covering the years 1888-1908.



We need your attendance at camp meetings like never before. Thanks to the 10 members, 4 friends of the SCV and the 9 guests who came to our January meeting!

Confederate Lives Still Matter



We want to thank our multi-talented Camp Commander, Richard McCook, for presenting our January program; It was by Gene Kizer, Jr., and was his condensed version of his book, *Slavery Was Not the Cause of the War Between the States: The Irrefutable Argument*. The words were Mr. Kizer's as printed in the *Confederate Veteran* magazine a while back. We put together a set of slides to go with the text.

Our camp is privileged to have a set of officers who are willing to do what it takes to make our camp productive even in the present-day when so many in our society seem set to be against us. If they knew us they'd have reason to rethink their positions. Whether they'd do it, of course, is something else.

Public service project honors father of four local Confederates and a local son of a Revolutionary vet



In late summer 1856 several members of the Byas family came here from Louisiana. Among them were Abram Landus Byas (1815-1882 at left), his father Robert Byas (c1786-c1863) and several of Abram's children, four of whom would join the Confederate Army from this community. All survived the War.

In late 2022 Peter Coke, a Byas descendant, paid for stones for Abram and Robert. Three members of the E. W. Taylor Camp, Clay Fitzhugh (yellow cap), James Alderman (tan jacket) and Rich McCook (photographer) installed them in Mount Gilead Cemetery in Keller on January

10, beside Abram's wife who had died in 1906 and already had a headstone.

Robert Byas' father was a soldier in NC during the Revolution. He is one of two sons of Rev. soldiers we know of buried there, the other being Iraneous Neace.



Peter Coke sent a generous donation to the Taylor Camp in appreciation of our three men installing the two stones.

We met Mr. Coke in June 2017 when he came from his home in Georgia to attend the burial of the remains of a Byas descendant, George A. Coke, who died at Pearl Harbor in the Japanese attack. His remains weren't identified until late 2016. They were returned to the family and were buried in Arlington's Parkdale Cemetery after an impressive ceremony



in downtown Arlington. Later still, in 2022, more remains were identified and Moore Funeral Home graciously reopened the grave at no cost to the family. Classy.

ABRAM L. BYAS

BORN MAR. 8, 1815 IN TENN.
SETTLED HERE AUG. 1856
DIED SEPT. 26, 1882

PIONEER IN-TO, MS, LA, AND TX
FATHER OF FOUR CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS

ROBERT BYAS

BORN ABOUT 1786 IN N.C.
SETTLED HERE AUG. 1856
DIED ABOUT 1863

PIONEER IN-NC, SC, KY, TN, MS, LA & TX
SON OF A NC REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN

Ten years ago this month in this newsletter

WE DID IT! WE MARCHED IN THE STOCK SHOW PARADE!

Parade day dawned bright, crisp, calm, and perfect for a bunch of guys dressed in wool uniforms. Weather couldn't have been better. We were #57 in line of organizations in the parade, and the front of the parade had already made it back to the starting place before we stepped off into the street and began our march.

The pace was brisk...the speed of a walking horse...which was slightly more than lots of us graying Confederates would have done on our own.

Boone and Jack Eustace, Bob Gresham, Tom and Richard Trawick, Kent Mathews, and Mike Patterson from the Taylor Camp marched in the parade. Two others were detained and could not attend: James Alderman had a bug and George Whitten was driving a truck up in yankee-land. Our new camp flag was our centerpiece.



Ben Hatch, Mike Patterson, Kent Mathews



Bob Gresham, Jack and Boone Eustace, and Tom Trawick



Richard Trawick, Tom Trawick, Bob Gresham

There are lots of great photos online, taken by David Moore. Take a look at them:
http://www.southernlegacy.org/Southern_Legacy/2013_Ft._Worth_Stock_Show_Parade.html

AROUND THE CONFEDERACY

Contributed by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh

No specific Ala. location given, *AL.com*, Jan. 13, 2023

Alabama bank slammed for Robert E. Lee, MLK holiday sign: 'Pull your money out'

This is an example of something very onerous in our life, called "clickbait." It's a headline which many times doesn't actually deal with the main idea of the story. It just wants you click on the internet to add to its total. At right is one of the signs the bank used, totally legally and in line with the law as it now stands in Alabama and Mississippi. Paragraph six presents to you a conclusion based on no good reasoning and was meant to do nothing but inflame people who already follow woke ideology.

<https://www.al.com/news/2023/01/alabama-bank-slammed-for-robert-e-lee-mlk-holiday-sign-pull-your-money-out.html>



Dobson, N. C., *The Mount Airy News*, Jan. 17, 2023

Confederate graves desecrated in Surry: Pair facing felony charges in incident.

In a bizarre incident the likes of which you rarely hear, this couple apparently tried to open two Confederate graves, placed in 1910 and 1927. Police have released no supposed justification for the acts. One local historian suggested the pair might have been looking for

items they could sell to buy drugs. No coffins were reached or opened. We could find no photos online of the actual damage done. This must have been the couples' first attempt. Neither probably had any experience at actual determined digging or they'd have chosen some other line of crime with a more immediate reward. Some people in their situations have had fairly good luck robbing convenience stores. Some businesses though, like pawn shops, are inherently risky because there are usually lots of guns there. Good to know that some senseless acts are still felonies in our country.

<https://www.mtairynews.com/news/116687/confederate-graves-desecrated-in-surry>

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Decatur, GA, CNN, Dec. 30, 2022

Statue of late civil rights icon John Lewis will be erected in his congressional district where a confederate monument once stood

Presumably this statue will replace a monument to Confederate soldiers of DeKalb County which was recently removed from court house there.

Lewis was a very visble presence on TV during congressional hearings. Commissioning a statue of him presumably places him among the most important persons in DeKalb County history. Maaybe so. This editor read a long list of famous people from DeKalb County, and he had never heard of any of them. The only other possible candidate may have been Rebecca Latimer Felton (1835-1930), the first female to serve in the U. S. Senate. She is never singled out, however, because she was a former slave owner.



<https://www.cnn.com/2022/12/30/us/john-lewis-tribute-monument-basil-watson-decatur/index.html>

Forest Hills, TN, *Tennessee Lookout*, Jan. 4, 2023

Nashville suburb sues Tennessee Historical Commission over Confederate-named streets; Forest Hills' lawsuit asserts the commission has no authority to stop the city from removing Civil War-themed street names.

As always the text of the suit is complicated legalese. Basically, the neighborhood associations believe having street names tied to the Confederacy might make some woke people hesitant to invest in homes there. The homeowners'

associations are trying with a technicality to get around the Heritage Protection Act passed in 2013.

In America today, any law on any level which becomes inconvenient or troublesome for those in power can generally be ignored with little or no consequences. It seems that the higher the elected official the more egregious his lawbreaking can be with no pushback.

<https://tennesseelookout.com/2023/01/04/nashville-suburb-sues-tennessee-historical-commission-over-confederate-named-streets/>



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Chicago, Ill., *The Economist*, Jan. 12, 2023.

**The truth about Stone Mountain's giant Confeder-
ate memorial: A new docu-
mentary explains how the
vast carving in Georgia
really got there.**

This looks like a very interesting and timely documentary. By going to an alternate site (linked below), we can at least read the print entire article which appeared in *The Economist*. Without that, we can read only the first two paragraphs of the article and cannot view the documentary without paying a membership to the History Center about to named here, Newly-made by the Atlanta History Centre, "an innovative museum," other readings about the source lead us to believe it is about what to expect in modern era Atlanta, in spite of its being established in 1926. A comment by the writer says "Instead, *Monument*, do something more important than settling a debate—by laying out the facts they aim to start one..."

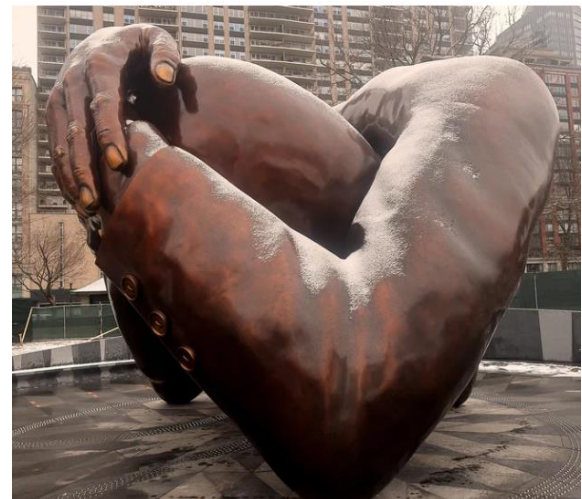
About sundown on Tuesday, Jan. 17, your editor found a way to watch the entire documentary on the History Center's website. This article's author assumes there are people who haven't made up their minds years ago about this, or who are interested enough with open minds and will take the time to watch and think about the film. I'm not sure they exist.

<https://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/blog/the-truth-about-stone-mountains-giant-confederate-memorial/>

...and just for context about some of the memorials replacing those of WTBS heroes which are being produced and placed in public places today, take a look at the newest MLK "statue" which was unveiled on Friday the 13th.

Suffice it to say that even members of Dr. King's family thought the \$10 million paid the artist could have been better spent. It certainly is going to need some interpretive signage so the viewer will know it's Dr. King, or at least a part of him, and a part of some other person. The plaza, which is decorated with diamond-shaped stones that evoke African-American quilting traditions may need its own interpretive signage, too. Google it.

This statue would work just as well in Denton, Texas honoring the well-known Von



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Washington, DC, CBS News/yahoo!news, Jan. 5, 2023.

Military to proceed with changing names of bases honoring Confederate generals.

This is just another in a series of articles which don't really convey any news on this topic, it just serves to be sure the scab is scratched off the wound and people stay sore about the subject. The congressionally-mandated Naming Commission now have until the end of 2023 to get all the names and signage changed. It is still estimated to cost \$62.5 million to make all the changes.

Your editor took the time to look up some biographical information on the men and women for whom the bases will be renamed.

Fort Benning will be renamed Fort Moore after Lt. Gen Hal (1922-2017) and Julia Moore. Lt. Gen. Moore was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the U. S. military's second highest decoration for valor. He served in both Korea and Vietnam. However, he also served in Japan in late 1945, after graduating from West Point that year.

Fort Bragg will be renamed Fort Liberty after the value of Liberty.

Fort Gordon, GA, will be renamed Fort Eisenhower after Texas native and General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Fort A. P. Hill, VA, will be renamed for Dr. Mary Walker, the only female Medal of Honor Winner in U. S. History and who helped change the face of medicine in the Union army during the WBTS.

Fort Hood, Texas will be renamed Fort Cavazos after Gen. Richard Cavazos, who retired from the Army in 1984 after 33 years of service. He was appointed our first Hispanic Brigadier General, and then four-star general in 1982. He received Distinguished Service Crosses for service in both Korea and Vietnam.

Fort Lee, VA will be renamed Fort Gregg-Adams after Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg and Lt. Col. Charity Adams. Gen. Gregg overcame a lack of educational opportunities open to blacks near his SC birthplace and eventually served in Vietnam, other parts of Asia, Europe, and at Fort Lee. He became a three-star general in 1977 and retired in 1981. Lt. Col. Adams was the first African-American woman to be an officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, and was the commanding officer of the first battalion of African-American women to serve overseas in World War II.

Fort Pickett, VA will be renamed Fort Barfoot after Tech. Sgt. Van T. Barfoot, (1919-2012) a Choctaw and U. S. Army officer and recipient of the U. S. military's highest decoration for his actions during World War II. He took part in the invasions of Sicily and Italy. He also served in the Korean War and the Vietnam War, eventually becoming a Colonel.

Fort Polk, LA will be renamed Fort Johnson after Sgt. William Henry Johnson, a black winner of the Medal of Honor for bravery in France during WWI. He was one of the first American's to be awarded the French Croix de Guerre avec Palme, France's highest award for valor. After the War he was unable to return to his pre-war job, due to his 21 combat injuries. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart in 1996 and the Distinguished Service Cross in 2002. He had died in 1929 and was buried in ANC.

Fort Rucker, AL will be renamed Fort Novosel after Chief Warrant Officer Michael J. Novosel, Jr., a son of Croatian immigrants. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps at age 19, ten months before Pearl Harbor, and was a captain by 1945 flying B-29 Superfortress bombers in the air war against Japan. He also flew for the U. S. Air Force in Korea and Vietnam. His numerous honors included the Medal of Honor, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, and sixty-four Air Medals. He was the last World War II American aviator to remain on active flying duty.

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Washington, DC, *Smithsonian Magazine*, January-February 2023

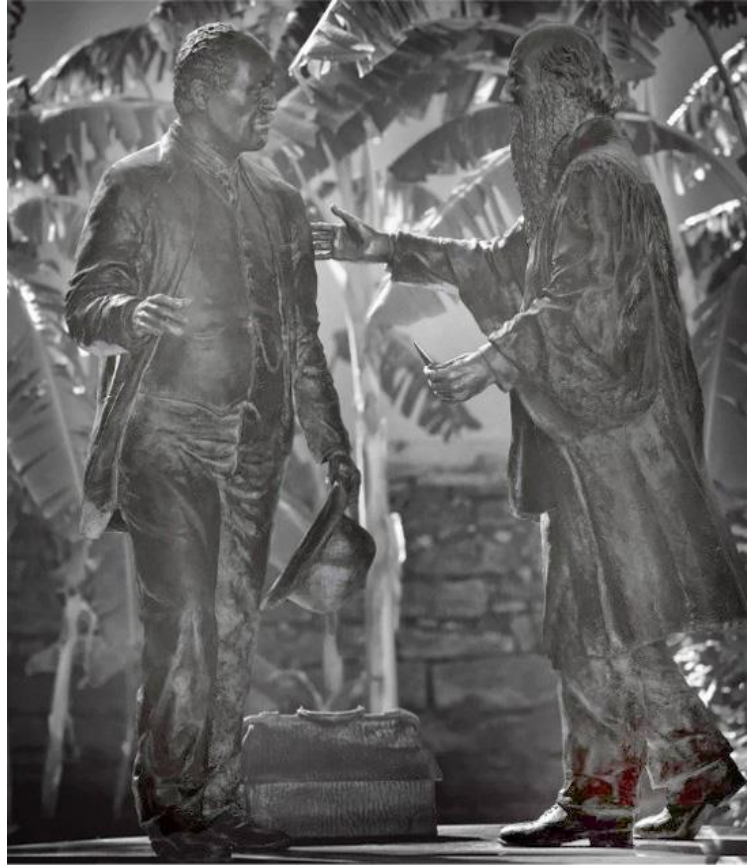
The Doctor and the Confederate: A historian's journey into the relationship between Alexander Darnes and Edmund Kirby- Smith starts with a surprising eulogy

Our congratulations and appreciation to this venerable magazine for publishing such an upbeat and positive article dealing with a subject almost universally presented in a negative way today.

It is filled with interesting information and photographs, and is worth your time and attention.



The article begins in
1893 when the widow



<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-doctor-and-the-confederate-180981303/>



We run across lots of interesting old photos while we're looking for WBTS vets in NE Tarrant County. This is Simon Crockett Splawn, who served in Co. D, 28th Texas Cavalry. After the War he moved to the White's Chapel/Pleasant Run area and married a local girl. By 1910 he and his wife and family had moved to the Plains at Floydada, Texas, where he ran this saddle-and-harness-repair shop.

Mr. Splawn died in in Wise County in 1927 while visiting relatives. His body was returned to Floydada where he was buried beside his wife who had died in 1922.

Word search on the next page, using this photo, with 21 words Words on last page of this newsletter. Some are saddle parts.



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Print yourself a copy of
this page, and go to the last
page for the hidden words.

A moment at Gettysburg,

from the 1993 movie of the same name



Pickett's men get to the
stone wall on July 3, 1863

Make yourself a copy of this page. Unscramble the following eight groups of letters to name seven landmarks on the Gettysburg battlefield at the time of the battle. Then, using the squared letters in the solved terms, name the present-day owner of the cannon firing above. No spaces. Use pencil.

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Present-day owner of the cannon _____

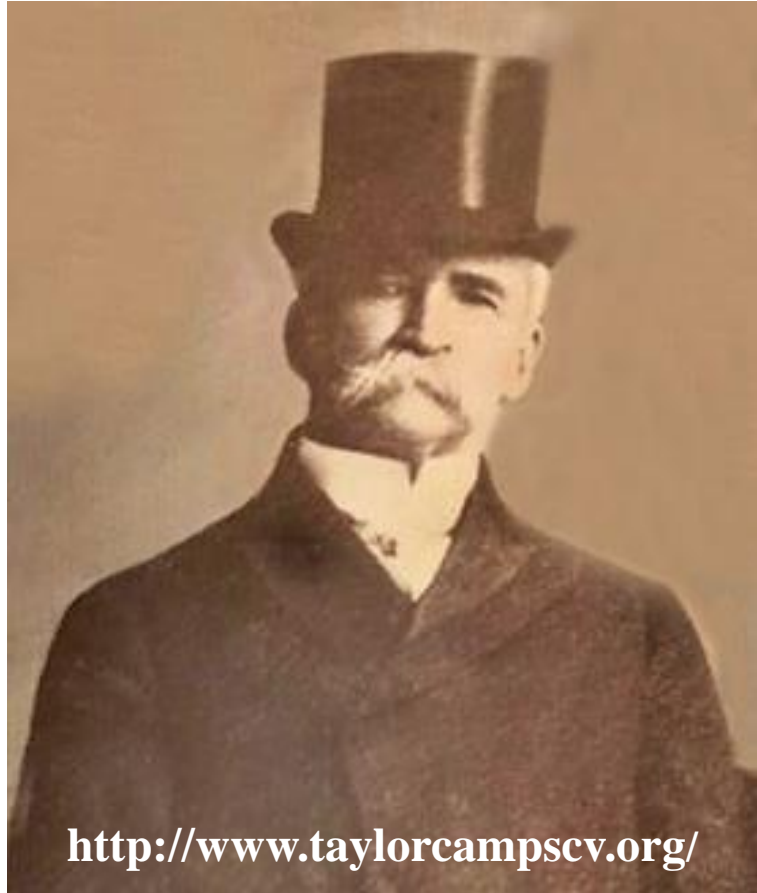
Who are we? We are the Col. Ennis Ward Taylor Camp #1777

Our meetings are on the last Thursday of each month, except November and December when we don't meet because it would always conflict with the holidays. We eat at 6:30, meet at 7:00, and adjourn by 8:30.

Solutions for Gettysburg puzzle:
LITTLEROUNDTOP, STONEWALL,
CEMETERYHILL, SEMINARIDGE,
CHAMBERSBURGPIKE, DEVILSDEN,
BIGROUNDTOP, TERRITHEISS

Each month's program announcement is always on the first page of this newsletter.

We meet at the Catfish and Company restaurant in Hurst, Texas, along the north side of the Airport Freeway and on the access road west of Precinct Line Road.



<http://www.taylorcampscv.org/>

Go to our website and start looking at our newsletters, beginning with the most recent and working back. For our website: the user name is TaylorCamp and password is SCV1777EWTaylorCamp

Words in the saddle shop puzzle: winduppane,
reflection, saddle, shoelaces , moustache,
sawhorse, leather, treadle, batters singer,
fender, candle, skirt, spool, thread, cinch, door,
dee, sill, sign, shop